

COALITION ON TEMPORARY SHELTER

August 29, 2007

Ms. Mary Levine, Director of Legal Affairs
Michigan State Housing Development Authority
735 East Michigan Avenue
Lansing, MI 48909

Re: Michigan's Qualified Allocation Plan

Dear Ms. Levine:

The Coalition on Temporary Shelter supports all changes to Michigan's Qualified Allocation Plan (QAP) that will increase the number of housing units made available to persons who are homeless and/or special needs individuals/families.

The Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program is one of the largest resources made available to Michigan to create new or rehabilitated affordable units for low income people, and as you may be aware, Michigan's economic climate has increased the homeless population across the state. On any given night, Michigan has a homeless population that exceeds 80,000 people, and it is imperative that tax credit dollars are dedicated to the creation of units that will assist this population and/or those with special needs.

For the State of Michigan to receive approximately \$200,000,000 annually from the federal government and not to set aside a large percentage of these funds to help the homeless and/or those with special needs is to disregard the poorest members of our society.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my concerns. If you have any questions, please phone me at 313-576-0212.

Respectfully,

Curtis D. Smith
Housing Development Director

